

Founder of Jamia Islamia Bhatkal Dr. Ali Malpa Rahmatullahu Alaih

By Historian of Bhatkal Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Shafi Qasimi Bhatkali

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Bhatkal always remained the city of Ulema(Islamic scholars), pious and God fearing people. Time and again famous ulema, mashaikhs (spiritual leaders) and social leaders are born here. My honourable father Hazrath Dr. Malpa Ali sahib rahmatullahu alaih is considered one among the righteous and pious social leaders. He was born on 19 Zil qa'ada 1338 hijri / 5 Aug 1920 AD in Bhatkal. He completed his primary education in Anjuman Hami – e – Muslimeen's school. At that time the head master of that school was respectable Ismail bin Hasan Siddiqua r. a. who was the highly educated person of his time with Islamic thinking. On the list of teachers there were very pious and religious personalities like respectable Mohtisham Muhammed Meeran bin siddi Muhammed sahib r. a. and Hazrat Molana Abdul Hameed sahib r. a. Dr. sahib got his education under the supervision of these personalities. So the impact and impression of Islamic thought was seen in his life right from the childhood. After finishing the education up to 7th standard in Bhatkal he left for Madras(Chennai) for earning the livelihood. From there he moved to Kolkata where along with earning, he learned the homeopathic medicine. Then for the sake of business, he travelled and stayed in Dhaka, Chatgam (Bangla Desh) and Mumbai etc.

Allah wanted his services in the religious field so the opportunities and resources for his training in that manner came through his life. Right from the childhood he was inclined towards religious activities. He was not interested in sports and games. From the age of 20 only he built up contacts with the great Islamic Scholars of sub-continent (Indo Pak). By communicating through letters he received guidance from them. By their kind response and prayers his capability of Eaman(faith) and Ilm(knowledge)developed to a great extent. And concern for reforms in himself and other Muslim brethren ignited. Hence he started feeling uncomfortable with the service or business activities. As a result in accordance with the suggestions of his mentors he shifted to Bhatkal in 1954 making it his base to serve the community.

In 1954 he established his homeopathic clinic in Takiya Mohalla where in along with medicine the spiritual guidance of the patients began. This practice bore fruit and many patients got cured of their physical as well as spiritual ailments. Those who were not offering *Namaz* started to offer it regularly. So many people inspired to keep beard. Many people gave away their bad habits and ill doings. Gradually Dr sahib developed a large circle of his fans and followers which consisted both the rich and poor people of the community. He got strength from his friend circle and a wish kindled in his heart to establish a purely Islamic School.

Thanks to Allah, he got an immediate and easy backing for his movement. And in September 1961 a decision was taken to start two separate pure Islamic Madrasas one each for boys and girls. Dr sahib was the moving spirit in this venture and respectable Sada Muhammed Jifri bin Muhammed Ismail sahib, Jubapu Master Muhammed Usman bin Hasan sahib, Damda Abu (D A) Ismail bin Husein sahib, Qazia Muhammed Moula bin Abdur Razzaque sahib, Armar Zainul Abideen bin Hasan Bapu sahib, Shahbandari Patel Shamsuddin Basha bin Abdur Rahman sahib were in the forefront.

On 20th August 1962 this madrasa by name “ Jamia Islamia Bhatkal” was inaugurated by Hazrat Molana Irshad Ahmed Qasimi (Khaleefa Molana Shah Wasiullaa Fatehpuri r. a. and preacher(Muballig) Darul Uloom Deoband) and my teacher Hazrat Molana Abdul Hameed Nadvi r. a. was designated as its educational chief. And Hazrath Dr Ali sahib Malpa rahmatullahu alaih was elected as the first Nazim (General Secretary). Under his tenure as Gen. Secretary this madrasa grew up as a great Islamic centre. From 1962 to 1972 he held the post of Gen. Secretary. From 1972 to 1982 he held the post of Secretary (Naib Nazim). And from 1988 till date he is designated as the President. During his term as Gen. Secretary, Jamia was upgraded to darja Atfal (primary standard) to Aalimiyet (graduation). Lands were purchased for Jamia Abad, Mugli Honda and Maktab Chowk Bazar. And series of construction works also started. During that period 3 grand functions of Jamia were organised, wherein the Mufakkir e Islam Hazrat Moulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi r. a. participated. It was during his tenure only Mufakkir e Islam Hazrat Moulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi r. a. and Muhiyus sunnah Hazrat Moulana Shah Abrar ul Haque sahib Hardoi r. a. were appointed as the Patrons of Jamia. During the 10 year’s term each of Dr sahib and respectable Damda Abu (D. A) Ismail sahib as Nazim, Jamia was elevated to be a complete Darul Uloom (University).

Hence his colleague respectable D. A. Ismail bin Husein sahib writes: “Gentlemen! there lies the great contribution of Janab Dr Malpa Ali’s personality as the Allah the almighty has made him the reason for religious education movement. It was after his grace and striving only that the concept of religious education made way in his friend circle.”

What a beautiful couplet from a poet Nazish Bhatkali :

Jamia ka qasr e deeni kya azeemush shan hai

Kawish e Malpa Ali ka yeh ajab faizan hai

Allah has gifted Hazrath Dr sahib rahmatullahualaih with so many qualities and skills and in consideration of his God gifted abilities, two great personalities Muslihul Ummat Hazrat Moulana Shah Wasiullah Fatehpuri r. a. and Muhiyus sunnah Hazrat Moulana Shah Abrar ul Haque sahib Hardoi r. a. awarded him with certification of *Khilafath* and permission for *bai’at* (taking oath). He is a very pious and devout Muslim of high calibre. Right from the childhood

tahajjud (praying at midnight) is part of his routine. For about 40 years continuously he was in a habit of *Aetekaf* (retreat in a mosque for a fixed time or period). He is the portrait of sincerity and good deeds. Humbleness and modesty is his dominant feature. He never quarrelled with anybody. Never responded to the opponent and rival. Always maintained calm and patience. In case of some opposition in any organization he simply distanced himself from such organizations. He had the passion of religious and social service from his young age. Since 1958 to 2000 AD he carried on discourses from the books in Shahidli Masjid. Then he continued the same in Jamia Masjid Bhatkal and then in Masjid e Milliya Nawayath Colony for a long period. Actually in these discourses only the grounds were prepared for the establishment of Jamia Islamia Bhatkal.

He served in Jamatul Muslimeen Bhatkal, Majlis e Islah wa Tanzeem Bhatkal, Anjuman Hami e Muslimeen Bhatkal with important portfolios. He was elected to Town Municipal Council also. He disliked controversy of Jama'ats and actively tried to bring both the Jama'ats (Jama'atul Muslimeen Bhatkal and Khalifa Jama'at Bhatkal) closer. In 1962 he was elected as vice president of Majlis e Islah wa Tanzeem Bhatkal. He spent a major span of his life in serving the community through different organizations. Among those a few are:

- 1) Bhatkal Muslim Association Kolkata Office Bearer / Executive Member
- 2) Executive Member Bhatkal Muslim Jama'at Madras
- 3) Member Homeopathic Council of India
- 4) Executive Member Majlis e Islah wa Tanzeem Bhatkal
- 5) General Secretary Shahidli Masjid Bhatkal
- 6) Councillor Town Municipal Council Bhatkal
- 7) Chairman Standing Committee Town Municipal Council Bhatkal
- 8) Executive Member Jama'atul Muslimeen Bhatkal
- 9) Member Baitul Maal(Finance Committee) Jama'atul Muslimeen
Bhatkal
- 10) Member Committee for Unity Jama'atul Muslimeen Bkl and
Khalifa Jama'at Bhatkal (1959)
- 11) Vice President Majlis e Islah wa Tanzeem Bhatkal
- 12) Executive Member Anjuman Hami e Muslimeen Bhatkal

13) Member	Ad hoc Committee for Taleem e Niswan, Anjuman Hami e Muslimeen Bhatkal
14) Founder	Jamia Islamia Bhatkal
15) First Nazim(General Secretary)	Jamia Islamia Bhatkal – From 1962 to 1972
16) Trustee	Jamia Islamia Bhatkal
17) Convenor	Bye laws Committee Jamia Islamia Bhatkal
18) Executive Member	Majlis e Milliya Nawayet Colony Bhatkal
19) Naib Nazim(Secretary)	Jamia Islamia Bhatkal – From 1972 to 1982
20) Member	Majlis e Shoora Jamia Islamia Bhatkal
21) Member	Majlis e Aamila Jamia Islamia Bhatkal
22) Khaleefa	Hazrat Moulana Shah Wasiullah Fatehpuri r. a.
23) Khaleefa	Hazrat Moulana Shah Abrar ul Haque Hardoi r. a.
24) President	Jamia Islamia Bhatkal – since 1988 to 2017
25) Patron	Edara Raziyatul Abrar Bhatkal
26) Patron	Majlise Islah o Tanzeem Bhatkal

Hazrat Dr. Ali Malpa is the only person from Bhatkali Muslims who had devotional contacts with renowned ulema of the sub-continent and communicated to them through letters regularly. Among them some worth mentioning are:

- 1) Hazrt Moulana Easa sahib Allahabadi r. a
- 2) Hazrat Haji Muhammed Shafi Bijnori r. a
- 3) Hazrath Haji Haqdad Lucknowi r. a
- 4) Hazrat Moulana Abdul Majid Darya Abadi r. a.
- 5) Hazrath Moulana Syed Suleman Nadwi r. a.
- 6) Hazrat Moulana Abdul Bari Nadwi Lucknowi r. a.
- 7) Hazrat Moulana Shah Wasiullah Fatehpuri Qasimi r. a.

- 8) Hazrath Moulana Qari Muhammed Taiyeb Qasimi r. a.
- 9) Shikhul Hadees Hazrat Moulana Muhammed Zakariya Kandhelwi Mazahiri r. a.
- 10) Hazrat Moulana Manazir Ahsan Geelani Qasimi r. a.
- 11) Hazrat Moulana Syed Minnatullah Rahmani Qasimi r. a.
- 12) Hazrat Moulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi r. a.
- 13) Hazrat Moulana Muhammed Ahmed Partapgarhi r. a.
- 14) Hazrat Mufti Mehmood Hasan Gangohi Qasimi r. a.
- 15) Hazrat Moulana Shah Abrar ul Haque Hardoi Mazahiri r. a.

Mufakkir e Islam Hazrat Moulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi refers him as: “ His (Dr Ali Malpa saheb) is a great blessing for the whole region.”

In praise of Dr Ali Malpa saheb, the famous poet of Bhatkal Dr Muhammed Husein Fitrat Shingeri has written the following couplets:

Sab se pahley lazimi hai hamd e Rabbul aalameen

Aur tasleemat ber Mehboob e Khallaq e Mateen

Zikr hai Malpa Ali ibn e Shahabuddin ka

Jamia Islamia key bani e haq been ka

Jo khaleefa hain Wasiillah (r.a) aur Abrar(r.a) key

Khosha cheen hain waqayi ganjeena e asrar key

Jamia ki ek tadap Malpa Ali ley ker uthey

Naam Khaliq ka, woh himmat key dhani ley ker uthey

Ekd tadap aur ek lagan thi jo unhey soney na di

Jamia ki fikr khwab e naaz me khoney na di

Jazba e Kamil wajood e Jamia me dhal gaya

Fard kahtey hain jisey woh qafila me dhal gaya

Himmat e mardana ka wallah yeh faizan hai

Sab key aagey Jamia ka qasr e aalishan hai

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